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Summary of Changes 2005-2006

- 1. Effective June 19, 2005, coyotes may be hunted at night during open season using either amber- or red-colored artificial light Page 7.
- 2. The bag limit for antiered deer (bucks) has been changed to three per year, which may be be taken by bow, firearm or muzzleloader as provided in the respective seasons.
- **3.** Antlerless deer seasons have changed significantly from previous years and hunters should carefully read the antlerless section of this booklet Pages 16-18.
- 4. Hunters are advised that major changes in hunting and trapping licenses will become effective January 1, 2006. These changes will affect the licenses required to spring turkey hunt as detailed in this booklet Pages 25 and 34.
- 5. Bear hunting season in counties where dogs cannot be used has been increased from one to four weeks Page 29.
- **6.** Crow hunting season has been changed to October 5 November 19, 2005, and January 1 March 4, 2006. Hunters may hunt all week long during both segments of the season Page 2.
- 7. The bobcat hunting and trapping season bag limit has been increased to 3 Page 2.
- **8.** Effective July 6, 2005, hunters who hunt with dogs may not be guilty of trespassing just because their dog, without their direction or encouragement, travels onto another person's land where they do not have permission to hunt, provided no game is taken, livestock or domestic animals killed or damage done to that property.
- 9. Effective July 7, 2005, it shall be illegal to hunt or conduct hunts for a fee where the hunter is not physically present in the same location as the wildlife being hunted.